

SPECIAL MID-SUMMER

CLEARANCE SALE!

At McDonald's Department Store
Beginning July 1, Continues 30 Days

Shirt Department.

All our men's \$1.25 shirts in the house in this sale go at 95c
All the 50c shirts go at 38c
One lot men's Pongee shirts, value \$1.50, special price \$1.00
One lot men's shirt waists, value \$1.50 each, special clean-up price 50c

Clothing.

All our men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 pants in the house, your choice for 30 days at, per pair \$4.00
One lot men's all wool pants, worth \$2.50 a pair, for 30 days only, per pair \$1.80
12 dozen pairs men's pants, value \$4.00 and \$1.50 a pair, special price for 30 days, \$1.12 1/2
About 25 men's old suits, broken sizes, regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 value, special clean-up price, per suit \$7.50
Men's "President" suspenders, sold everywhere at 50c, special price for 30 days 38c

Shoe Department.

One lot ladies' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Oxfords, our special price to clean up the lot \$1.95
One lot men's \$4.50 shoes, broken sizes, our special price, a pair \$2.95
One lot men's patent leather pumps and dangle oxfords, regular price \$1.50, special price to clean up the lot \$1.12 1/2
50 pairs old ladies' broad toe, lace shoes, regular \$1.00 value, special clean-up price 62 1/2c

Staple Dry Goods.

Lousdale 36 inch bleached domestic, 10c value, in this sale at, a yard 7 1/2c
10-4 bleached Pepperell sheeting, special price for 30 days only 22 1/2c
10-4 unbleached Pepperell sheeting, special price for July 20c
36 inch Indian Head bleached domestic, suitable for drawn work and ladies' white dresses

special price for July, a yard 12 1/2c
36 inch bleached domestic, free from starch, price 7 1/2c, special price 10 yards for 50c
36 inch fine brown Sea Island domestic, value 7 1/2c, special price 6 1/2c
Men's bleached Lisle thread shirts and drawers regular 65c value, go in this sale at 37 1/2c
Genuine Scrivens elastic seam drawers, sold everywhere at 75c, our special price this sale 50c

Ribbons.

All silk watered taffeta ribbons Nos. 22 to 80, worth 15c, 20c and 25c yard, go in this sale 12 1-2c
One lot No. 80 all silk plain taffeta ribbon, worth 25c yard, goes in this sale at 12 1-2c

Hat Department.

All straw hats in the house 1/2 off regular price
SPECIAL.—About 5 dozen men's hats, assortment kinds, worth \$1.00 to \$2.00 each, our special price to clean up the lot, each 50c
One lot John B. Stetson Big 4 hat, XXX beaver, extra fine, regular \$10.00 hat, special for July only, at \$7.50

Hardware.

A few specials in our hardware department.
26 inch Dintson saws, worth \$1.75, our special for July, each \$1.37 1-2
A good 8 inch hack saw for metals, each 25c
12 inch mill saw files, value 25c, special price 15c
One lot large table lamps, regular price \$1.75, special price for July, each \$1.25

Gasoline Stoves.

All our \$3.50 gasoline stoves go in this sale at \$2.50
All our 3-burner gasoline, worth \$6.50 each, go at \$4.50
All our 4-burner gasoline stoves, worth \$9.00, go at \$6.50
All our \$12.50 and \$15.00 gasoline stoves go at \$9.50

IN MEMORIAM

Death of the Right Rev. Bishop Filemon Fierro y Teran, Prelate of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

(Communicated.)
"Sweet Christ! let him live, ah! we need his life,
And woe to us if he goes!
Oh! his life is beautiful, sweet and fair,
Like a holy hymn, and the stillest prayer;
Let him linger to help us in the strife
On earth, with our sins and woes."
FR. FABER.

Such was the prayer that rose when the sad news passed from mouth to mouth that His Lordship, the Right Rev. Bishop Filemon Fierro y Teran Prelate of Tamaulipas, Mexico, had been attacked by a mortal disease. The excitement caused by the rumor was not confined to any one class nor creed, for Bishop Fierro was the ideal of all who knew him. From the gubernatorial mansion to the cot of the humblest workman, from the lips of his devoted priests, as well as from those of the pronounced unbeliever and scoffer, the words of regret were sincere. Two days the suspense lasted; then on July seventh, the links of earth gently fell apart, and his noble, beautiful soul stood before the Master whom he had so well served.

A Prince of the Church, every fibre of his being was royal. Regal dignity and universal condescension marked his every act. Stately yet humble, imposing yet kind, a leader yet a brother, the equal of the greatest aristocrat, yet the tender friend of the humblest peasant, were the characteristics of the illustrious Bishop Fierro. Never did he quail before rank, talent, or power; for he was the equal of any man. Never did he spurn the most abject of his fellows; for to him all men are equal. Nature had gifted him with rare beauty of face and form, a stately bearing, graceful movements, fitting to one of his station. His unuffled brow and kind glance reflected the sweetness of his disposition. His lips, gently yet gravely set, indicated a sweet yet firm control—a rule of love. Perfect as were his physical qualities, they basked in the shade of his mental gifts and moral virtues. An accomplished scholar, a profound thinker, a learned theologian, he was a power in the land, a light in the Church. His good name was, indeed, the "immediate jewel of his soul." No breath of dishonor, no taint of suspicion ever marred the lustre of his peerless reputation. On the list of men's names, his blazed forth like a diamond amongst pebbles.

Yet his greatness lay not in beauty of form, in strength of intellect, nor in reputation amongst men; but in the beauty, the strength and the purity of his soul before God. If ever pride stirred in his heart, it was because he was a servant of the Most High. If ever he rejoiced in his qualities as a leader, it was that he might lead others along the path of righteousness. If ever the dignity of his rank and the adulation of the throng made him feel that he was "every inch a king," the more did he abase himself, exemplify the words of the King of the Kings, "I came not to be served, but to serve." And loyally did he serve his Master, unflinchingly did he serve his flock.

Every turning point of his brief career marks his spirit of self-abnegation. Born about the year 1859 of a refined and wealthy family of Durango, his sensitive boy's heart felt attracted to high ideals. The ties of flesh and blood, the promptings of nature, the charms of wealth and position wove themselves into a Gordian knot, seeking to tie his life to things earthly. With the sword of self-abnegation, he clove in twain the fetters, and dedicated that grandest thing on earth—the untainted heart of a noble youth—to the service of God and man by embracing the clerical state.

His remarkable personality and

sterling virtues soon attracted attention; and when, about seven years ago, the zealous young priest was deemed to be a fit Prelate for the diocese of Tamaulipas, he faced his new duties with the calmness, simplicity and intrepidity that marks the hero on the field of battle. The balmy air of his native mountain home, the companionship of relatives and friends, the devoted love of weeping parishioners weighed down one side of the balance. On the opposite scale he saw a disturbed diocese, a state where the Church pines and groans, and a life of hardships and privation. Undaunted, he stepped forth at the Master's bidding to feed the lambs the sheep of the forlorn diocese of Tamaulipas.

Well did he labor! In a few short years he established in Victoria the Academy of La Purissima and the hospital of the Josefina, the Academy of St. Joseph in Tampico, that of the Incarnate Word in "Heroic Matamoros," and that of the Divine Word in Tula. The flourishing seminary in Victoria owes its prosperity to him; while the improvement of the whole diocese is a monument to his zeal and care.

Tears dim the eyes and sobs check the utterance of his devoted priests and grateful sisters when they see their pastor, father and protector lying in the cold embrace of death. The King of Shadows is ever an unwelcome visitor; but more ghastly is he when, without warning, he steals his victim from the path of rosy health, relaxing not his bony grasp till the noble hearth is stilled forever.

He is dead! "A Ruler in Israel has fallen!" To the shepherdless flock his death means sadness, gloom, and tears. To the pastor, calm, intrepid, ready, it means gladness, brightness, joys eternal. While tears rained on his death-bed, we may well believe he fearlessly said to death:

"Come! strike at any hour,
My heart shall never fear thee
Nor flinch before thy power.
I'll meet thee—Time's dread licitor
And my wasted lips shall sing:
'Dread Death I am the victor!
Strong Death, where is thy sting?'"

A Quiet Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Philippina Snyder and Ferdinand Wedegartner occurred last evening at 7 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robertson in this city. Many beautiful flowers adorned the parlor where the interesting event took place. It was a quiet home affair, witnessed by only a few friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. B. Newbury, the Methodist pastor. Dainty refreshments were served after congratulations had been duly extended to the happy pair. The bride has been in Brownsville for several weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, having formerly resided at Hartshorn, Ind. Clad in a dainty white costume, she made a very handsome bride as she stood before the officiating minister, plighting her vows to the man of her choice. Mr. Wedegartner, the manly young groom, is well known in local railroad circles. He was employed as conductor on a construction train that was engaged in the construction of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad to this place. At present he is located at Santa Maria as railroad levee and construction foreman. Both Mr. Wedegartner and his bride stand very high in the esteem of all who know them, and their friends join in hearty good wishes for their future happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Wedegartner left this morning for a wedding trip into Mexico. On their return they will make their home at Santa Maria, this county.

For Sale—Six colonies Italian bees; also fresh comb honey at 8 cents pound. Apply at Weller's saloon.

Judge Wells No Fourth of July Campaigner.

In the course of its Fourth of July editorial the esteemed Current Issue deprecated the habit politicians have fallen into of making use of the opportunities offered by the Glorious Fourth to push their claims for office. The Current Issue takes to task especially our candidates for Governor, and says: "With not more than two exceptions, everyone of the vast horde who would shelter their lares and penates under the roof of our Executive Mansion made the day a pretext for obtruding his ambition in the midst of our revelry. Which is malapropos, and worse. If on Uncle Sam's birthday we are to enjoy no immunity from importunate politicians, every one of them trying to alarm us with a deeper 'note of warning' than his rivals, wherefore, O Ragle, should we rejoice in thy shrill cry as the proclamation of our freedom? What mockery is that in the Declaration of Right, if we are never to have surcease from the lamentative voice of the politician, who is ever intent on trying to make us believe that we are as the lost Children of Israel, and he the anointed Moses?" Further on the Current Issue mentions names. Here is how it drives home the blow: "Especially do we marvel that Judge Brooks and Mr. Colquitt, enjoying unrivaled opportunities to compose and promulgate dissenting opinions, should be thus intrusive. How edifying, in contrast, is the picture when one turns his gaze towards the Rio Grande, where the Hon. 'Jim' Wells, recumbent in the shade of a mesquite, meditates the lives of saints, poets, philosophers, and politicians to the rhythmic ripple of that sparkling stream! There is an example of composure and of repressed ambition which some of our aspiring and perspiring statesmen might emulate with profit to themselves and pleasure to all of us!"

There is good reason for this esteemed Current Issue. In the first place Judge Wells was never much of a hand at blowing his own horn. His friends are running him for Governor right now and if he has ever turned a wheel to advance his own political interests it has not yet been discovered. In the next place he would never think of interest into the midst of a pleasure fete of the people. In the third place he towers so magnificently above all other candidates that it would be unseemly for him to enter the lists so early in the fight. Like the Black Knight in the lists at Ashby he awaits the hour when the battle is really on; then the Athelstan and Bois Gilberts will be unhorsed by his mighty charge and all Texas will rally at his battle cry.—Laredo Times.

Marriage at Palmito.

The marriage of Miss Francisca Oribe and Antonio Sierra took place last evening at El Palmito, the ranch home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Atenogenes Oribe. A number of guests were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father J. Maguan. After the happy pair were congratulated, an elegant supper was served and the evening passed with music and merry-making. The bride's father, Mr. A. Oribe, is one of our best known ranch owners, who has long held the office of county commissioner for the Ft. Isabel precinct. The groom is a well known young business man of Matamoros. Both of the young couple have many friends who are deeply interested in their welfare and wish them lifelong happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Sierra left this morning on a wedding trip to Monterey. They will reside in Matamoros.

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